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Strengthening Community Impact: Health Impact Ohio Visits EHA Columbus Office

On April 8, Health Impact Ohio, a Columbus-based regional healthcare improvement collaborative, visited Ebenezer Healthcare Access's Columbus office to strengthen collaboration and support ongoing community health efforts. The visit focused on gaining insight into the work of Community Health Workers (CHWs) and identifying solutions to operational challenges.

During the meeting, the Ebenezer team highlighted its outreach to immigrant and refugee communities, emphasizing efforts to improve access to care, health education, and essential services. Key challenges discussed included limited resources, employment barriers, and a shortage of essential baby items for families—issues linked to broader social determinants of health.

Health Impact Ohio provided guidance on expanding community partnerships to help bridge resource gaps and improve service delivery. The organization also



reaffirmed its support for Ebenezer's cancer awareness and prevention initiatives, emphasizing the need to expand outreach and ensure equitable access to critical health services. Both organizations underscored the importance of continued collaboration. Health Impact Ohio plans to maintain regular engagement with Ebenezer to strengthen programs and address emerging community needs. Together, they remain committed to advancing health equity and improving outcomes for underserved populations.

EHA and RIC Connect to Support New Americans



Ebenezer Healthcare Access (EHA) is taking steps to expand its impact by building strategic partnerships with organizations that

on how both groups could work together to better serve immigrant and refugee communities. Ouali highlighted RIC's positive experience with past partnerships and expressed confidence that working with EHA would bring added value. Both organizations share a commitment to supporting New Americans, many of whom face language

share its mission. One such collaboration is emerging with Riverview International Center (RIC), a nonprofit serving New Americans in Columbus.

RIC provides a wide range of services to support New Americans as they adjust to life in the United States. These include language education, job assistance, citizenship application support, and community engagement programs.

During a recent meeting, Hamida Ouali, Director of Programs at RIC, and Dr. Irenée Niyongombwa, Director of EHA's Columbus office, introduced their organizations and explored opportunities for collaboration. The discussion focused

barriers and challenges in navigating essential services.

Access to healthcare emerged as a key concern. Ouali noted that many individuals served by RIC struggle to obtain adequate medical care, underscoring the importance of partnerships that can help bridge this gap. With EHA's focus on improving healthcare access, the collaboration has the potential to significantly benefit the community.

RIC currently serves individuals from more than 92 countries, reflecting the diversity and growing needs of the population.

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